



BRATTON PARISH NEWS



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AGAIN - YOUR VIEWS ON YOUR PARISH NEWS PLEASE!

It's not too late! Thanks for all the input we have received, which has been very useful, very positive. The Bratton Parish News is undergoing a major change in production and we want to make sure that the content reflects your views on what should be in it. What would you like to see more or less of? If you don't read it, tell us why. Would you like to help with it? Please email your thoughts to editorbratton@outlook.com or you can post your ideas in the Bratton Jubilee Hall post box by the front door.

DO YOU HAVE A LITTLE FREE TIME EACH MONTH?

Each month, copies of the Bratton Parish News, once printed, are counted out and delivered to each of our wonderful volunteers who then walk their section of the village, delivering a copy to each household. Due to recent retirements, we are looking for a couple of volunteers to join the delivery team, ideally in the Westbury Road area.

Delivering the copies to each distributor takes a while and Dusty and Siân Millier, who undertake this task, would appreciate some help. If you think that you would be able to give them a hand, (no more than an hour each month), please contact the Bratton Parish News team by emailing editorbratton@outlook.com or by phoning Mike Manson on 830853.

BRATTON WI

Bratton WI's meeting on Tues 2nd January went very well! We had an enjoyable time listening to some members' favourite/funny poems, followed by some tasty puds and, of course, prosecco!

Our next Club Meeting will be on **February 6th at 14.00** in Bratton Church Institute and our replacement Speaker is Neil Parkinson: The Police Service - Training and working with Police Dogs.

Please do come along, and coax a friend to join you!

FEBRUARY WORKOUT

The Tidy Bratton Team will be meeting to give the village a good tidy up on **Thursday 29th February**. Yes! 29th, it's a leap year! We will meet, as usual, in the Duke car park at 10.00. If you haven't joined us before, why not come along and see what we do. It's actually enjoyable! As a village, we're making good headway with clearing weeds from street gutters, which is allowing the rainwater to drain away properly. This has proved so necessary with all of the rain we've had. Many thanks, also, to all those householders who have cut back their hedges which were overhanging pavements, roads and footpaths. All your efforts make the village so much safer (There's still time to cut before the growing season begins).

A polite note for dog owners: if your filled dog poo bag won't fit in the bin because it is full, it is perfectly OK to take it home and put it in your grey bin but please, **please don't** just leave the bags around on the footpaths, hedges, and pavements. Chris and April Tarling 830468

A LEAP YEAR PROPOSAL FROM TEA BAGS!

2024 is a Leap Year, and Tea Bags has a proposal. On **Thursday 29th February** we will have a special Leap Year Tea Bags in the Church Institute. Everyone is invited to come along from 2.30 pm for tea, cakes and chat, as always, but also to bring a 'Proposal', a new way to use the Institute, or to start a new community group, or a way to save energy, which can be posted, anonymously or not, into a purpose-made letterbox. The TeaBags team will look at all the proposals and see what we can do to make them happen. We look forward to seeing you all!

SITE 321 APPROVED – HOUSING WEST OF BRATTON

Wiltshire County have approved the Reserved Matters Application for Site 321 (subject to a number of conditions). You can view this approval on the WC planning portal Ref. PL/2023/07170. There is, however, an archaeological investigation being carried out on site at this time, and its findings may impact actual construction.

BRATTON FIRLING! FIR THE FUN OF IT

The beginning of January is a great time to branch out and try something new and that was certainly the case for villagers in Bratton who found a good use for their left-over Christmas trees. The now annual, and becoming Traditional, Firling competition - a mix of 'fir' tree and 'hurling', accompanied by the ritual chant - throwing spent trees as far as possible on the village green, was held to mark the end of the festive season. Peter Stickler took first prize, winning a golden fir cone with a whopping 8.1 metre hurl. So, Geoff Capes need not be too concerned! He beat Ed and last year's winner Andrew Gooding into second and third places. The award for most entertaining throw went to four-and-a-half-year-old Rose while the junior prizes were won by Esme and Henry. The event was organised by Sue Kemp with help from Bratton Plant Centre's Jackie Hames with money raised through entrance fee going to charity. - (Check out YouTube - Bratton Firling Jan 2022 for an idea of what's involved!)

POPPY TALK DATES

The dates, speakers and subjects for the Poppy Talks in 2024 have been agreed:

Saturday February 17th- Dr Paul Fox, an ex-infantry and Intelligence Corps officer and art historian, will speak about "What to do with cultural artefacts acquired on military campaigns during our imperial era?"

Saturday March 2nd - Roy Zaman, an ex-cavalry officer, will speak about "Experiences of a British Army Support Officer in Fiji".

Doors will open at the Church Institute at 5.40 pm. for a 6 pm start and a finish between 7.15 pm and 7.30 pm. Entry is by donation to the Poppy Appeal and at least £5 is suggested. Wine and soft drinks will be available to purchase before the talks.

BRATTON HISTORY ASSOCIATION - SPRING 2024 TALKS PROGRAMME

Sunday February 25th at 4pm: Beyond the Pale: Lost Landscapes of Hunting in Wiltshire by Eloise Kane

Sunday March 24th at 4pm: Along the Line: My Life in Archaeology by archaeologist and TV personality, Phil Harding.

NB: Due to anticipated demand, limited capacity, and wanting to avoid disappointment on the day, this will be a ticket only event available via: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/51465>

All talks take place at the Bratton Church Institute apart from March which will be in the Jubilee Hall. New members and guests are always welcome. For more information on how to join, visit the website at brattonhistory.co.uk. Details of talks later in the year will be in later editions of the BPN.

BRATTON FOLK MUSIC SESSION

The folk music sessions continue on the first Thursday of the month at 8pm. Next dates are **1st February** and **4th March**. All instruments, singers, and audience welcome! For further details or to join the mailing list, please contact: daniel.loughran@gmail.com

BRATTON WEEK 2024?– YOUR VIEWS PLEASE!

Although this was deemed a great success last year, it took far more work than anticipated. Jeff Ligo, who provided invaluable help, is standing down, I will not be able to manage it on my own and I have not had any volunteers to help take it on. So, I would like to propose that it is not held this summer but becomes a biennial event run by a small group of up to 6 people to cover planning, advertising and finance. I would welcome your views on this. Please email kend3643@gmail.com or ring me on 07792 533357. Thank you. Ken Davis

DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH BRAT42 – TO THE REED BEDS

Order Ref: ROW/3287255 • This Order is made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 (the 1980 Act) and is known as the Wiltshire Council Bratton 42 (Part) Diversion and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2021. • The Order is dated 16 February 2021 and proposes to extinguish the public right of way as shown on the Order plan and described in the Order Schedule. • The Order is confirmed, and its effect is to divert part of footpath BRAT42 from its current route to a new route to the South.

CHURCH VIEWS

The season of Lent begins quite early this year. Ash Wednesday, the day we begin this time of preparation for Easter, begins on 14th February. It's unusual that it coincides with St. Valentine's Day, a day when we celebrate loving relationships, exchanging cards and tokens of our love. Those of us who are used to 'giving things up' for Lent may find this coincidence awkward. Taking one's partner out for a celebration meal doesn't fit all that well with the beginning of a season of abstinence. Those who are churchgoers may feel torn between going to a church service for a meagre wafer and a tiny sip of wine, and the alternative of going to a restaurant for a three-course meal with a bottle of wine.

We would do well, then, to reflect on the connection between Lent and Valentine's Day. Both are celebrations of God's gift of love, a gift God shares with the whole world. St. Valentine was a Roman soldier, martyred in Italy in the early centuries of the Christian era. His connection with love is probably because monks in Italy noticed birds beginning to nest and mate each year near his feast day. The observation of the season of Lent began also in the early years of the Church. Originally it was a time for those preparing to be baptised at Easter to join in a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving before their formal admission to church membership. It then developed as a time for those who had been excluded from Holy Communion by their sins to be forgiven and readmitted to Communion. Finally, everyone was encouraged to observe Lent as a way of preparing for Easter.

Easter, the most important time of the year for Christians, is when we remember Christ's death and resurrection, the way that God in Jesus, through his love for the world, came to save the world from sin and death, giving us the hope of everlasting life. This is the supreme example of God's love for us. 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' (John 15.13). In Lent, then, we remember Jesus' act of self-sacrifice and love in dying for us on the cross. It is a season for loving God and our neighbours, and this is why we are encouraged to give up things, remembering Jesus' giving up of his life; to love God by spending more time in prayer; and in acts of charity, a word that derives from the Latin word *caritas*, which means love. Charity is an expression of our love for our neighbours. So, I invite you to join with Christians around the world in celebrating God's gift of love, both on St. Valentine's Day and throughout the season of Lent. The word 'Lent' means springtime. It's a time to look forward with hope, giving thanks for all that God has given to us.

May God bless you, Andrew Sinclair, Rector

BRATTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Contact the Clerk on 01373 864 127, email parish.clerk@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk or the Chair on 01380 831 199, email parish.chair@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk Website: <https://brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Next Parish Council meeting - Tuesday, March 12th, 7.15pm in the Jubilee Hall. All are welcome.

Precept - Owing to rising costs, the amount you pay the Parish Council will be going up by a small amount this year, but the increase remains below the rate of inflation for the past five years. This is a good time to remind residents how the money is spent - on managing parish assets, providing services and supporting local organisations such as the Recreation Ground, Jubilee Hall, Village Green, Pre-School, Village Orchard, Bratton Silver Band and events like Bratton Week and the recent Wassail.

Bus Shelters - We'd like to apologise for the long delay in replacing the Castle Road bus shelter, which was destroyed by a car in 2021. Because of the lack of progress, the parish council is now taking legal action against the driver's insurance company to recover the funds to replace the shelter. We'll keep you updated. We are also arranging to renovate the roof on the shelter near the Jubilee Hall.

Snow and Flood risks - The council has a new mechanical salt spreader to help move salt from the bins around the parish. If you'd like to use it, please call the Parish Chair. In addition, Wiltshire has asked Parish Councils to update their emergency plans, especially around flooding. Again, do contact the Parish Chair if you'd like to contribute.

Fly-Tipping - There has been illegal fly-tipping next to the pre-school on the Village Green. Wiltshire Council is asking anyone who witnesses fly-tipping to report it on their website.

Memorial bench for Lou - the installation plan has been agreed for the location on the village green, work to be co-ordinated with that for the new see-saw.

Trowbridge Road flooding - Highways have jetted the drain to reduce the risk of future flooding, but more in-depth work is needed.

Court Lane - white lines have been painted opposite Bury Lane to indicate no parking zones.

20mph limit - For reasons of cost and practicality, the request for a 20mph limit on all side roads has been withdrawn. But we hope to be able to extend the 30mph zone out to beyond the last house on Imber road.

Bratton Parish News - The PC will take over ownership of the BPN from the PCC, and printing will be outsourced. More details of changes will be advised later.

YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Just before Christmas I attended a party to celebrate the Shared Lives Scheme. This is a bit like Fostering but is for people who are over 16 years of age and want to live as independently as possible. It was a super evening, and I met some amazing people, both Carers and those who live with them. One couple have just retired, having hosted many people since 2010!

Shared Lives supports a huge variety of people, many with learning or mental health difficulties, physical or sensory disabilities, or anyone else who wants some support to live life to the fullest.

There is also a Shared Lives Home from Hospital Service which enables people to stay and be cared for, in the home of a Shared Lives carer for up to 12 weeks before either returning to their own home or moving to somewhere that can provide ongoing support. This means more hospital beds are available for those who need them. There are many possible reasons why people ready to leave hospital cannot return to their own home immediately. Carers receive a weekly allowance for this service.

If you are interested in becoming a carer or would like more information, please go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk - Shared Lives, where you will find all the information you need and an initial enquiry form, so that a member of the team can call you.

Best wishes, Suzanne Wickham, Email: suzanne.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel: 07967 213336

VILLAGE HALLS WEEK 17-24 MARCH

ACTION WITH COMMUNITIES IN RURAL ENGLAND (ACRE) PLEASE support the Jubilee Hall and the Church Institute with their events in this this week. More details in the next edition.

BRATTON JUBILEE HALL

Solar Panels - We intend to apply again for a grant for solar panels as a government-backed company VCS is providing funds for community enterprises including village halls. More information is via ACRE.

Window Restoration Fundraisers: We want to raise £900 to replace wooden frames and sills and even more for stonework. You can help! See below:

Saturday Morning Coffee – Thank you to everyone who came to our first Coffee Morning in January. We had over 50 people and thanks to some very generous donations, managed to raise over £250 towards the Window fund. The next one is on **17th February**. Pop into the hall between 10.30 – 12 on your way from shopping etc and enjoy a proper brewed coffee and home-made biscuits while you chat in the warm. No booking required - donations welcomed.

February Breakfast Sunday 4th February – if you haven't tried our delicious freshly prepared 3-course breakfast, do book yourselves in. Call 07897 011887 or email jubileehall87@yahoo.com

Details of our many March events in the next issue.

BRATTON CHURCH INSTITUTE

We are so grateful to everybody who has helped us to repair our roof, which should have an impact on the warmth in our hall this winter and hopefully our fuel bills! Like everyone, we are very aware of heating costs so PLEASE don't leave the front door open, and close all fire doors and toilet doors (left open these activate the lighting inside). The focus this year is environmental sustainability with a theme of "GO GREEN"!

There is some lost property in the hall - please contact Joan to collect. Why not take any unwanted items to Imperial Charity in the High St Westbury, they run free coach trips for SN's.

Easter 2024 date for the diary – February 13th - Shrove Tuesday is the traditional Feast Day before the beginning of Lent when it is traditional to use up your eggs and milk and make pancakes so we will be holding a Pancake Morning in the BCI from 10.30am. Do come along and enjoy a pancake or two plus a choice of toppings and bring the family! Weather permitting, we may be able to have some races in the garden for the children too.

Lent Lunches will begin on **Ash Wednesday 14th February 12.00pm/2.00pm (Valentines Day too!)** and for the six weeks leading up to Holy Week, all details will be in St James Church and it will be necessary to book with the host. Gill Humphrey 830149

Village Halls Week - We will be taking part in Village Halls Week again in 2024, on **March 23rd**. More details in the next BPN. Put the date in your diary and please come and join us!

Contact Joan for ALL enquiries - Cell phone 0756851267: Landline 01380830477: E Mail joanmartin147@gmail.com

FAREWELL, FRANK

The family of Frank Garbutt would like to thank everyone who sent kind messages of sympathy on the death of Frank. We have lived in Bratton for over 30yrs and he had many friends in the village. His wife, Marysia, and children Christopher, Elizabeth and Tanya appreciated your support at a difficult time.

BRATTON COMMUNITY BRASS BANDS

We have an exciting programme of concerts planned for 2024 and hope that the Bratton community will enjoy our local performances. We got off to a great start with Bratton Community Brass Bands receiving the White Horse News' - Group of the Year Award for 2023, for the work we did last year in broadening access to brass bands and music in local schools and the local community.

Our forthcoming concerts are:

* Film Music Concert - **Friday 2nd February 7.30pm**, Emmanuel's Yard

* Film Music Concert - **Sunday 4th February 2.30pm**, St Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon

Free tickets for our concerts can be booked on Ticket Source via our website or by calling 07983 144183. March events will be in the next BPN.

Our Brass Roots Group is open for new starters, and we will also soon be starting an adult beginners' group. Contact Lydia, email: brassroots@brattonsilverband.com. To support the band as a volunteer at our concerts please contact Lucy, 0791 3376544 mail: engagements@brattonsilverband.com.

We would also be pleased to hear from anyone or any business which is interested in sponsoring any of our concerts or supporting our instrument funding. Please contact Beth, email: treasurer@brattonsilverband.com

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Spring collection of the Children's Society's boxes will take place in the Spring of 2024 and will be my final one. If you would still like to continue to support them, the information on how to do this is on their website.

Christingle Service will be February 4th 2024 - the collection is for The Children's Society; we have done so every year since 1986! Gill Humphrey

EDINGTON ARTS

Edington Arts is celebrating the start of their tenth season on **Saturday 23rd March** with a full length (two hour) performance of Bach's St John Passion. Booking is now open, and tickets have been selling fast. There is still a great choice of seats however, and you can book online through www.edingtonarts.org or by phone from 01380 831256. The performance starts at the earlier time of 7pm.

BRATTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Happy New Year! Come and join us, in the Bratton Church Institute, for our weekly mother, baby and group. 9:30–11:30am-£2 per child, +50p for each additional sibling. All welcome! Mummies, daddies, grandparents, childminders, friends and your little ones. From birth up to school age. Stay and play fun for all. Hot drink for adults and snack, and small snack table for little ones. Usually a weekly craft, and varying toys each week. Seasonal games and parties. See our Facebook page 'Bratton toddlers' for more updates. Wonderful outside space to use in the summer months. Look forward to seeing you! Becky xx

REEVES ORCHARD WASSAIL - SUNDAY JANUARY 14th

Thanks to all who came to and contributed to the inaugural village Wassail, including the Orchard volunteers, Parish Council, Jubilee Hall for tables, and apple cake makers. Surely this will become a great Bratton tradition!

LEAF MAKING

Calling all crafters! I am preparing to become "Jill in the Green" as part of the Bradford-on-Avon Green Man festival in May 2024. Jill will have a new costume for 2024, for which we are crowd sourcing textile leaves to sew onto the dress. Please help us in this endeavour. Leaves must be green and can be felted, knitted, crocheted, embroidered, or any other textile art you can think of. For more information including a template pack, please contact Anya at 6 Luccombe Terrace on 07903 202874.

DAUNTSEY'S CHORAL SOCIETY

Dauntsey's Choral Society and Senior Choir present Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms and Mozart's Requiem on **Saturday 9th March at 7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall, Dauntsey's School.

Free entry, with donations on the door towards the Guide Dogs and Dauntsey's Choral Society.

YOUR COMMUNITY MINIBUS- THE THREE VILLAGES MINIBUS (TVM)

For the benefit all residents of our villages we run regular return trips to Westbury, Devizes, Warminster and Salisbury and will pick you up at the bus stop (or elsewhere) and deliver you home to your door. Please book your seat through Joy Fraser (Tel: 830426). All these journeys accept concessionary passes.

Shopping Trips starting at Bratton - to Devizes - £3.20, 1st, 8.45am; Warminster - £2.80, 20th, 1.30pm; Westbury - £2.30, Every Thursday, 1.30pm; Salisbury - £5.00, 10th, 9.15am.

FOUR VILLAGES LINK



2023 was a busy year for our volunteers. Our coordinators dealt with 457 requests and our drivers drove on average 330 miles. The volunteers also undertake good neighbour tasks and are happy to just keep people company over a cup of tea. We are fortunate to have enrolled more volunteers this year, so that there is always someone available and both client and volunteer appreciate the interaction. Please call 07852 256939 to request a service or to volunteer.

BRATTON HILLY – APRIL 8TH, 2024

Please see below the link to register for OUR VERY POPULAR RUN, Bratton Hilly and all the info you may need: - <https://www.entrycentral.com/event/111817>

ST JAMES CHURCH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

On **Sunday 4th February** we will be holding our Christingle Service at St James Church Bratton at 11.00am. Please come along, put together your Christingle Orange and join with us in this festival of light.

ST JAMES CHURCH LENT LUNCHESES 2024

Our very popular Lent Lunches will begin again on Ash Wednesday (**14th February**) and there will be one held every week until Easter. All proceeds from the lunches will go to the Trussell Trust. A list of hosts for these lunches will be in St James Church and it will be necessary for you to book a place. We look forward to you joining us.

PROTECTED VERGE IN COURT LANE. SPREADING HEDGE PARSLEY.

I am the monitor for this verge which contains Spreading Hedge Parsley (*Torilis arvensis*) plants. The numbers fluctuate, (only 5 this year) BUT I have found plants in other locations in the village, including several plants in the gutter at Manor Fields, which are now on the Wiltshire Records office for endangered plants and also on the verge beside the main road and the play park (lovely to see the new equipment well used). I am in the process of replacing the protected verge signs in Court Lane. Janet Sturgeon

REMEMBRANCETIDE 2023

The War Memorial looked at its best on that sunny Sunday last November, as it had had a good clean up and re-scribing of the lettering last Autumn. This work was part funded by the War Memorials Trust, who monitor all such work. It is now a credit to those whose names appear on it, and we intend to make sure that it remains so for years to come.

WESTBURY U3A

Next Meeting: Christine Mason talks about British artist Rex Whistler

We meet **2nd Tuesday monthly** 2.00 PM, Westbury URC Hall, Warminster Road, Westbury BA13 3PJ - Park at rear, off The Butts, via Hospital Road - £2 payable on entry - Do please bring a friend who might like to join us!

THE CHURCH OF ST JAMES THE GREAT - CHARITY OF THE MONTH

Our Charity of the month is Médecins Sans Frontières– known to many for its amazing reputation in seeking to deliver medical care worldwide where it is most needed. Currently operating in over 70 countries, the charity aims to provide medical and humanitarian assistance to save lives and ease suffering of people in crisis situations in a totally non-political and impartial manner.

CHURCHES' QUESTIONNAIRE – THE RESPONSES

Thank you to everyone who completed the Churches' Questionnaire towards the end of last year. It is very useful to us to receive your responses and hear your views.

The response rate was low at 5% of the population in Bratton, 4% in Edington, 2% in Erlestoke and 1% in Coulston. It was clear that the majority of responses came from people who are members of the churches' congregations, though a significant proportion were from those who attend church occasionally rather than regularly. Although we were hoping for more input from those who are not church members, the responses from our existing membership are, in themselves, very informative.

So, what were the main points? The presence of the church buildings in our communities is something which, in general, is quite highly valued. And there is a strong feeling that the church buildings should be available for the wider community to use.

We asked, "what might stop you being involved in your local church?" Some responded that accessing the church building is a problem. This was especially noticeable in Bratton where road access to the church and parking at the church are both a challenge. Consideration will be given to using other church and village venues when appropriate, and to providing transport to those who are unable to transport themselves. Another response to the question was being unsure of the benefits, and another response was not having time.

We asked which church services you would favour, and the response was fairly even across a wide-variety of different types of service, suggesting that the current pattern of services across the churches is broadly welcomed. We will continue to offer a wide experience of worship and may look at further styles of service.

Amongst the many comments received, a recurring theme was the desire to encounter church members, especially the Vicar, at local events, and in pastoral visits. There is a widely-held view that this kind of integration in the community would help to build bridges between those who are church members and those who are not.

We would like to assure you that all your views are important to us, and will be given due consideration. Thank you again for taking part.

We are pleased to announce that Penny Fairclough won the gift token.

On behalf of the Parish Church Councils of Bratton, Edington, Coulston and Erlestoke.

BRATTON BAPTIST CHURCH

We have people of all ages meeting every Sunday morning at 11am for worship and fellowship. Details about services and events will also be on our Facebook and Instagram pages as well as our noticeboard outside the church.

Activities for February

Messy Church: 4pm on Sunday 18th February - time involving story, prayer and song; and a traditional Sunday teatime meal. Messy Church is for all ages and all members of the community.

Tea-time Service, 4pm on Sunday 25th February. A short informal Sunday service, followed by tea & cake.

Revive Café is open every Monday afternoon in term time, 2.30 – 4.30pm @ the Chapel on February 5th, 19th and 26th. Pop in for a cup of tea or freshly brewed coffee and a slice of cake. Craft activities for the children provided.

Well-being Revive opens every Monday from 1 – 2.30pm. Mindful and creative activities provided in a space where it is ok not to be ok! **Early Bird Prayer** every Wednesday, 7am at the Chapel.

Pickleberry Ladies, upstairs at Pickleberry Coffee Shop every Thursday from 11am - all ages welcome!

Connect: Thursdays 1st, 15th and 29th February, 2pm at the Chapel. Meet friends, chat over coffee and study the Bible together.

Bratton Bugs Fridays 2nd, 9th and 23rd February at 1.45 – 3pm @ the Chapel. Bring your under 5s to enjoy a time of music making, singing and play. £1.50 per family. **Comets:** Friday 9th February (a week earlier because of half term holiday) at 6.30pm

Fusion: A youth club for 11 – 14s, every 1st Friday of the month. A space to hang out, chat, have some fun and relax. Fusion meets on 2nd February.

Are you curious about who Jesus is? Don't know whether you believe in God? Do you have questions about Christianity? **Alpha** provides an opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith. We are meeting on Tuesday evenings. Call Allison or Esther for more details.

For support or information, please call Esther (Minister in training) or Allison (Children and Families worker) on 01380 830746 or contact by email: esther@brattonbaptistchurch.org.uk or allison@brattonbaptistchurch.org.uk

The Benefice of Bratton, Edington and Imber, Erlestoke and Coulston

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – FEBRUARY 2024

	Bratton	Edington	Erlestoke	Coulston
<i>1st Sunday</i> 4th February <i>Second Sunday before Lent</i>	8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Family Service <i>Christingle</i>	09.30 Parish Communion 18.30 Evensong		11.00 Parish Communion
<i>2nd Sunday</i> 11th February <i>Sunday next before Lent</i>	11.00 Parish Communion 18.00 Sing Praise	8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Family Service <i>Christingle</i>		
<i>3rd Sunday</i> 18th February <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Footprints <i>Bratton Church Institute</i>	09.30 Parish Communion 18.30 Evensong		11.00 Parish Communion
<i>4th Sunday</i> 25th February <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	08.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Parish Communion	09.30 Parish Communion	11.00 Morning Service	

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Public Morning Prayer Thursdays at 8.30am Edington

Evening Prayer 5.30pm at Erlestoke (Mondays), Coulston (Tuesdays), Edington (Wednesdays), the Vicarage for Imber (Thursdays), St James' Bratton (Fridays).

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday 14th February – Ash Wednesday Services

Bratton : 11.00 Parish Communion

Edington: 19.30 Parish Communion with Imposition of Ashes

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BRATTON - Key contacts

For pastoral matters please call: Rector: Rev'd Andrew Sinclair 830374 Honorary Associate Priest: Revd Malcolm Wieck 830256; Revd Ann Ilsley 830651; Licensed Lay Minister (LLM): Andrew King 831227	Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA) Lynn Noble 830036 Jill Forbes 830577 Chloe Watts 830600	For other matters please call Church Wardens: Kitty Cole 830869 or Marie Nunn 830505 Tower Captain (Bells): Dusty Millier 830696 Verger: Sandy Perry 830536 Organist: Brian Martin 830060 BCI Caretaker: Joan Martin 830744
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editorbratton@outlook.com (Font - Calibri 11points, if possible). Thank you.